been drawn to the news item which appeared in the observer on July 9, 1993 under the heading of "CCEA clear drug sectors delicensing";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government are retaining the ratio-parameter limiting consumption of imported drugs and tariff mechanism for basic stage manufacture incentive;

(c) whether Government has made any study on these aspects;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that drug companies have switched over to imports of penultimates and intermediates instead of drugs to avoid ratio-parameter;

(f) what are the names of drug companies which are importing penultimates and intermediates and what was the total imports of intermediates and penultimates during the last three years; year-wise; and

(g) what are the names of companies which switched to basic manufacture due to tariff mechanism alongwith names of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No decision regarding delicensing has been taken by the Government. A Background Note on "Review of Drug Policy 1986" has been placed on the table of the House on 12-8-92 for discussion.

(e) Ratio-parameters are related to manufacture of formulations only.

(f) and (g) Imports of intermediates etc. are not monitored. Imports are permissible as per the imports Policy in force from time to time and in accordance with conditions, if any, of Industrial Licences granted to individual companies.

Reduction of Drug Prices

468. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the observer on 15th June, 1993 under the caption "cuts outside controller category under consideration";

(b) what are the basis on which Government are reducing the prices of price decontrol drugs and what are the names of drugs whose prices have been reduced;

(c) whether it is a fact that number of companies are importing drugs from their principles or associate at a much higher prices than the international prices;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to check the prices;

(e) whether Government has laid down any guidelines for working the formulation prices where imports of drugs are made at much higher prices than international prices; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For the purpose of reducing the prices of price-decontrolled drugs, the matter has been taken up with the industry associations, with the direction to advise their members to reduce the prices of such bulk drugs & medicines to pass on the benefit of custom duty/excise duty reductions announced in the Budget for 1993-94.

(c) To the extent information available, no such case has come to the notice of this Department.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) For the purpose of fixing the prices of formulations based on imported bulk drugs listed in category-I & II of Schedule-I & II of DPCO, 1987, DPRC Sub-Committee adopts weighted average landed cost of such bulk drugs as provided by DGHS.

Consumption of Bulk Drugs

469. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the consumption of imported and indigenous bulk drugs of fifteen major multinational drug companies during last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the total import of bulk drugs, drug intermediates, penultimates and other raw materials imported by each of these companies during the same period;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of these companies are either importing penultimates/intermediates or buying bulk drugs being produced locally for which they had licences;